

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraphs [0001], [0014], [0017], [0018], [0020], [0055] and the second occurrence of Paragraph [0004] (which was incorrectly numbered on page 9) with the following paragraphs rewritten in amendment format:

[0001] This application is a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 10/176,998 filed on June 21, 2002, now issued as U.S. Patent No. ~~6,179,512~~ 6,719,512, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/299,931, filed June 21, 2001, 60/299,954, filed June 21, 2001, 60/299,899, filed June 21, 2001, and 60/299,903, filed June 21, 2001.

[0014] Figures 3 and 4 are respective front and side plan views of the first preferred embodiment of the harpoon nail in accordance with the present invention;

[0017] Figures 7 and 8 are respective front and side plan views of a second preferred embodiment of the harpoon nail in accordance with the present invention;

[0018] Figure 9 is a fragmentary [[side]] front plan view of the harpoon nail of Figure 7 illustrating the teeth formed along the stem section in accordance with the present invention;

[0020] Figure 11 is a [[side]] front plan view of a third preferred embodiment of the harpoon nail in accordance with the present invention;

[0004] [0051.1] Referring to Figures 1, 12, 18 and 30, a fragmentary perspective view of a longitudinal steel framing member 12 having two upright steel framing members 14 and 16 fastened thereto is shown. Each C-shaped framing member includes a bottom wall and two side walls having a thickness in the range from 0.018" to 0.071". Additionally, each framing member may range from 33 ksi to 80 ksi as

is well known in the art. As will be more fully described below, one or more fasteners 20 may be used to join the upright framing members 14 and 16 to the longitudinal steel framing member 12. While the following description is provided with reference to this particular configuration, it is readily understood that the fastening techniques of the present invention are applicable to any two or more adjacent members made of steel or other material having similar attributes to those of steel.

[0055] As shown in Figure 3, second set of teeth 42 extend along second surface 46 a portion of the width of second finger member 38 adjacent inner side wall 48. Likewise, first set of teeth 40 (shown in Figures 4 and 6) extend along first surface 44 a portion of the width of first finger member 36 adjacent inner side wall 48.